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Board of Agriculture to meet in Cheyenne

The Wyoming Board of Agriculture will meet April 9 and 10 at the Wyoming Department of Agriculture in Cheyenne.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. both days. On Monday, April 9, the board will elect a new president, as well as discuss liaison positions, legislation, statutes and board responsibilities. In addition, the board will be gearing up for the 2007 Living Legacy Program at the Wyoming State Fair Park.

On Tuesday, April 10, the Board will elect a new vice president and receive updates on the local sage grouse working groups, the de-listing process of wolves and bears, the Jonah Interagency Office in Pinedale, as well as updates on the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative and the Cooperative Sagebrush Initiative.

The meetings will adjourn by 5 p.m. both days.

Board of Agriculture members are appointed by the Governor and serve six-year terms. The members include: Juan Reyes, Wheatland ; Jack Corson, Garrett; Jim Mickelson, Big Piney; Joe Thomas, Meeteetse; Dave Graham, Moorcroft; Gene Hardy, Douglas; Patrick Zimmerer, Huntley; Emily Horton, Riverton; David Largent, Kaycee; and Dalin Winters, Otto.

This will be the first meeting attended by new board members Juan Reyes and Joe Thomas.

Juan Reyes represents District 1, which covers Goshen, Platte and Laramie counties. He runs a cow/calf operation and feedlot near Wheatland, and grows various crops. He is a member of the Wheatland Irrigation District Board as well as the University of Wyoming Ag Advisory Board.

Joe Thomas represents District 5, which covers Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties. He runs a cow/calf operation near Meeteetse. Currently, Thomas serves on the Board of Trustees at Northwest College in Powell. He is also a committee chair and Region 5 Vice President for the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, President of the Meeteetse Museum District and a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The position for District 4, representing Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan counties, has yet to be filled.

A complete agenda is available on the Wyoming Department of Agriculture website at <http://agriculture.wy.gov/BDAG/wybdagenda.htm>. The Wyoming Department of Agriculture is located at 2219 Carey Ave. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-6569.

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